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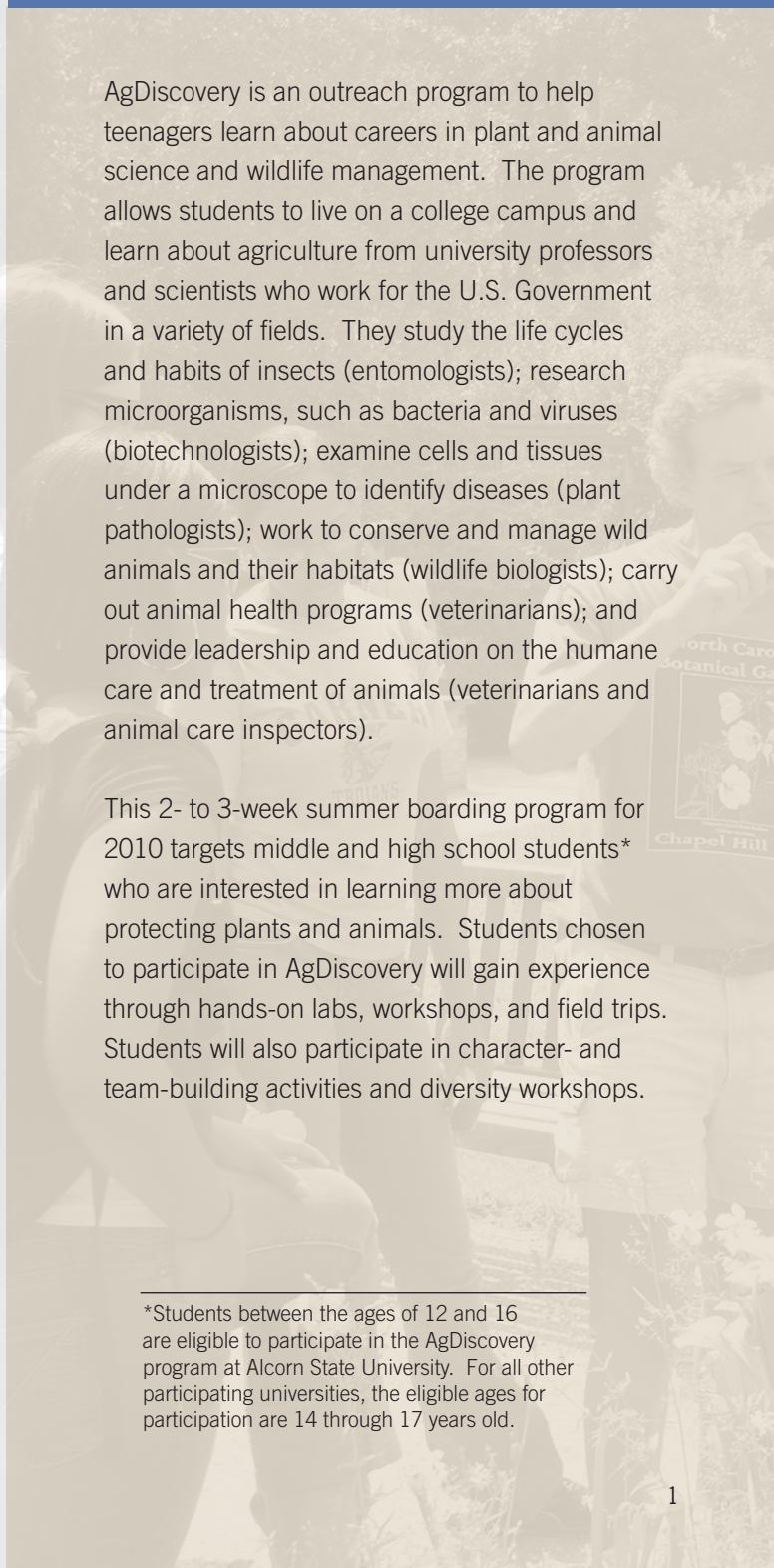
## AgDiscovery 2010:

Investing in the Future of American  
Agriculture



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A group of students, mostly young women, are gathered around a table in a laboratory or classroom setting. They are looking at a plant specimen that is being held up. One student is pointing at the plant. In the background, there is a poster on the wall that says "North Carolina Botanical Garden" and "Chapel Hill".

AgDiscovery is an outreach program to help teenagers learn about careers in plant and animal science and wildlife management. The program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about agriculture from university professors and scientists who work for the U.S. Government in a variety of fields. They study the life cycles and habits of insects (entomologists); research microorganisms, such as bacteria and viruses (biotechnologists); examine cells and tissues under a microscope to identify diseases (plant pathologists); work to conserve and manage wild animals and their habitats (wildlife biologists); carry out animal health programs (veterinarians); and provide leadership and education on the humane care and treatment of animals (veterinarians and animal care inspectors).

This 2- to 3-week summer boarding program for 2010 targets middle and high school students\* who are interested in learning more about protecting plants and animals. Students chosen to participate in AgDiscovery will gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, and field trips. Students will also participate in character- and team-building activities and diversity workshops.

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\*Students between the ages of 12 and 16 are eligible to participate in the AgDiscovery program at Alcorn State University. For all other participating universities, the eligible ages for participation are 14 through 17 years old.

## Who Sponsors AgDiscovery?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) partners with various universities and colleges to deliver the AgDiscovery program at locations throughout the country. Many of the Federal Government's professional plant scientists, biotechnologists, veterinarians, and wildlife biologists work for APHIS. The agency funds AgDiscovery each year, and partner universities host program participants on their local campuses.

In 2010, there are 10 universities participating in AgDiscovery: University of Arizona, South Carolina State University, Iowa State University, Delaware State University, Alcorn State University, The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Kentucky State University, the University of Maryland, and North Carolina State University. Each university's AgDiscovery program focuses on a specific area of interest to our Nation's agriculture, such as plant health, entomology, veterinary science, animal care, biotechnology, and agribusiness.

AgDiscovery is a unique opportunity for students to gain a first-hand look at the many career paths open to them in the agricultural sciences. For those interested in an agricultural career, AgDiscovery is a great way to get started. Read on to learn more about this year's program, including dates, locations, cost information, and how to apply...

## Investing in the Future of Plant and Animal Health

New to AgDiscovery in 2010, the University of Arizona is offering an AgDiscovery program at its Yuma campus this summer. Students will learn about career opportunities and possibilities in both animal and plant health, including agricultural sciences, animal sciences, disease eradication, botany, entomology, and plant pathology. APHIS' Veterinary Services and Plant Protection and Quarantine units are co-sponsoring this program, and it is the first time an AgDiscovery program is being offered in the southwestern United States.

The 2-week program will be comprised of Tucson and Yuma area agricultural activities including visits to the Yuma Agricultural Research Center, a day-long overview of the desert cattle industries, and a series of field visits. The program will also include networking opportunities with agricultural





professionals. Students will have the opportunity to work with agricultural researchers on field trials, participate in the Nogales Port-of-Entry cattle crossing, and experience a site visit at one of APHIS' Smuggling Interdiction & Trade Compliance (SITC) program facilities. In addition, students will learn about river water management through a Colorado River learning experience. The overall goal of the program is to give students in the Southwest a chance to work with cutting-edge technologies in stimulating learning environments and encourage them to select an agricultural field as an academic major and future career.

### **About the University of Arizona**

The University of Arizona is a land-grant university and the leading public research university in the desert Southwest. The university is Arizona's only member of the prestigious Association of American Universities. As the land-grant institution for the State, the university's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences administers a variety of programs and engages in cooperative efforts with Federal, State, and county governments and agencies.

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## Investing in the Future of Agribusiness

Agriculture is more than animal and plant health sciences. USDA relies on a cadre of professionals to keep its operation running successfully. That's why South Carolina State University (SC State) is hosting AgDiscovery program participants this year on its campus in Orangeburg. New to AgDiscovery in 2010, the SC State program is designed to help teenagers gain knowledge of the business aspects of protecting plants and animals and explore careers in agribusiness. In addition, this program allows students to live on the SC State campus and learn about a variety of administrative professions from university professors and agriculture employees in the fields of finance, human resources, information technology, emergency management, investigative services, biosafety, acquisition, and facilities management.

## About SC State University

Known as a senior comprehensive teaching institution, SC State is committed to providing affordable and accessible quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs. This public university with a student population of 4,000 to 5,000 is located in Orangeburg, an area with a traditional rural, agricultural economy that has expanded to include a business and industrial focus of national and international scope. Founded in 1896 as a historically black co-educational institution, SC State embraces diversity among its students, faculty, staff, and programs. While maintaining its traditional focus, the university is fully committed to providing lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of South Carolina and qualified students of varied talents and backgrounds in a caring and nurturing learning environment.

SC State offers 60 baccalaureate programs in the areas of applied professional sciences, engineering technology, sciences, arts, humanities, education, and business. The university also offers a small number of graduate programs in teaching, human services, and agribusiness and two doctoral programs in education. SC State is currently ranked #1 in "Social Mobility" by *The Washington Monthly*, is within the top 15 schools in "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is one of the top 50 "Historically Black Colleges or Universities" in *Black Enterprise Magazine*.



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## Investing in the Future of Wildlife and Domestic Animal Health

Iowa State University (ISU), located in Ames, IA, is pleased to host a new AgDiscovery program in the summer of 2010. Students will learn about the interconnection between wildlife biology and conservation, laboratory technology and diagnostics, animal science, and veterinary medicine. Every participant will have hands-on experience on the farm, in wildlife environments, and in the laboratory. Activities will include a field trip to a farm or food processing plant, laboratory exercises, such as bacterial culture and diagnostic testing at the National Center for Animal Health (NCAH) and field trips to conservation areas, zoological facilities, an animal shelter, and research facilities. APHIS is funding the ISU program through several of the agency's program units, including the National Veterinary



Services Laboratories and the Center for Veterinary Biologics (part of the Veterinary Services program), Wildlife Services, and International Services. The National Animal Disease Center of USDA's Agricultural Research Service will also assist in funding the ISU AgDiscovery program.

### **About Iowa State University**

ISU was founded in 1858 as Iowa's first land-grant institution, with a focus on the idea that higher education should be accessible to all. ISU created the first State veterinary medical school in 1879 and invented the world's first electronic digital computer during the late 1930s. Famous ISU graduates include George Washington Carver, one of the Nation's most distinguished educators and agricultural researchers, and Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters and a key strategist behind final ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Today, ISU is a comprehensive research university of international stature with nearly 27,000 students from all 50 States and 105 foreign nations. The university is a recognized leader in the fields of engineering, agriculture, human sciences, and veterinary medicine.

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## Investing in the Future of Agribusiness

There is more to agriculture than animal and plant health sciences. It takes a cadre of professionals to keep USDA operating. That's why Delaware State University (DSU) is hosting AgDiscovery program participants this year on its campus in Dover. The DSU program is designed to help teenagers learn about the business aspects of protecting plants and animals and explore careers in agribusiness. The program allows students to live on the DSU campus and learn about a variety of administrative professions from university professors and agriculture employees in the fields of finance, human resources, information technology, emergency management, investigative services, biosafety, biosecurity, acquisition, and facilities management.

## About Delaware State University

Founded in 1891 as the State College for Colored Students, DSU began as a land-grant college for agriculture and mechanical arts. During the last 115 years, it has evolved into a fully accredited, comprehensive university with a main campus and two satellite sites that encompass six colleges and a diverse population of undergraduate and advanced degree students. The 400-acre main campus is located in Dover, DE. The university offers 64 undergraduate degrees, 22 graduate degrees, and 5 doctoral degrees. Through the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences, students can earn degrees in Agriculture including Agri-Business, Agriculture Education, General Agriculture, Plant Sciences (Agronomy/Horticulture), Pre-Veterinary Science, Environmental Science, Fisheries/Wildlife Management, and Pre-Forestry.





DSU's College of Agriculture and Related Sciences offers an outstanding opportunity for undergraduates and graduate students alike to partner with research faculty, as more than 92 percent of the college's faculty are involved in research. Facilities include two working farms—the 192-acre Outreach and Research Center for crop research and trials and the 75-acre Hickory Hill Farm for forage and farm animal research. The largest herbarium at an 1890 land-grant institution resides on the DSU campus. The Claude E. Phillips Herbarium has faculty and staff who maintain more than 150,000 rare and endangered plant species, dating back to 1799.

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### Investing in the Future of Veterinary Science

With funding from the National Civil Rights Leadership Committee of APHIS' Veterinary Services program, Alcorn State University (ASU) is hosting AgDiscovery program participants on its campus in Alcorn State, MS. The university will make a variety of animal species available to the AgDiscovery participants. Every participant will work with live animals during this summer program. The students will learn what it feels like to be a veterinarian through hands-on experiences. Dr. Cassandra Vaughn of ASU's Department of Agriculture will facilitate the program.

### About Alcorn State University

Founded in 1871, ASU is the country's first State-supported college for African Americans. It is located in Alcorn State, MS, 80 miles southwest of Jackson, the State capital. The university provides students with education and training through bachelor's and master's degree programs in numerous fields of study, including the animal sciences. ASU currently offers a Veterinary Science option in the Animal Science discipline within the university's Department of Agriculture.

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## Investing in the Future of Plant and Animal Health

The AgDiscovery program at the University of  
Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) will take place on  
its campus this summer. The university will make  
a variety of plant and animal species available  
to the AgDiscovery students. Every participant  
will work with plants and animals to discover  
the effects of insects and diseases on American  
agriculture. Shannon Hendrix of UAPB's School  
of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences  
will facilitate the 2010 program. Several offices  
within APHIS—Policy and Program Development,  
Investigative and Enforcement Services, Plant  
Protection and Quarantine, Wildlife Services, and  
Veterinary Services—will fund the UAPB program  
this year.



## About the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

UAPB, one of America's premier historically black land-grant institutions, offers bachelor's degrees in several agricultural areas through its School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences. As a State-supported public college, UAPB particularly emphasizes research and coursework in two areas of production: small farms (crop and livestock) and aquaculture. Besides the campus in Pine Bluff, the university maintains three farm sites with more than 1,100 acres of land for crop research and 112 earthen ponds for aquatic research. Facilities also include greenhouses, a biotechnology research lab, and two fish disease diagnostic laboratories.

Students in the 2010 AgDiscovery program at UAPB will not just work with plants and livestock. They also will get to learn about UAPB's new degree program in Regulatory Science. The university—a USDA-designated Center of Excellence—has worked with APHIS to create an undergraduate major in the development and writing of governmental regulations. Congress passes laws, but it is these regulations that tell Americans what they have to do to be in compliance with the laws. No other college in the country offers this kind of instruction. Come to the UAPB AgDiscovery program and find out all about it!

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## Investing in the Future of Animal Care

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) University is hosting AgDiscovery program participants on its campus in Tallahassee, FL. The university will make a variety of animal species available to AgDiscovery students. Every participant will work with live animals during the summer. Drs. Ray Mobley and Thomas Peterson of the Animal Science Department and Cooperative Extension Program will facilitate the program. APHIS' Animal Care program will fund the AgDiscovery session at Florida A&M University this year.

## About Florida A&M University

Founded in 1887, Florida A&M University is a 4-year, public, coeducational institution of higher learning. The main campus occupies 419 acres on the highest of seven hills in Tallahassee, the capital of Florida. The university offers degrees at the bachelor, master, doctorate, and professional levels. The College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture currently offers a

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## Investing in the Future of Veterinary Services in Horse Country

Kentucky State University (KSU) is hosting AgDiscovery program participants on its campus in Frankfort, KY. The university will make a variety of animal species available to the AgDiscovery participants. Every participant will work with live animals during this summer program. The students will learn what it feels like to be a veterinarian through hands-on experiences. Dr. John Hollis of APHIS Veterinary Services and Mrs. JoAna McCoy of KSU will facilitate the program. The National Civil Rights Leadership Committee of APHIS' Veterinary Services program and KSU will both provide funding for the university's AgDiscovery session this year.

## About Kentucky State University

Founded in 1887, KSU is a historically black college that is strengthened by its liberal arts mission and its 1890 land-grant foundation and

heritage. The university is located in Kentucky's State capital, Frankfort, which is 20 miles northwest of Lexington and 50 miles east of Louisville. The university provides students with education and training through bachelor's and master's degree programs in numerous fields of study, including aquaculture and the biological sciences. The Land-Grant Program at KSU works to resolve agricultural, educational, economic, and social problems of all Kentuckians but especially those with limited resources. It does so through research, service, and teaching in the food and agricultural sciences.

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**An Educational Odyssey Exploring Food, Culture, and the Environment**

The University of Maryland (UM) is hosting a 2010 AgDiscovery session on its campus at College Park, MD. This year, the AgDiscovery program at UM will be for 3 weeks, and students will receive 3 hours of university-level course credits after completing the program. Students will learn about the history and development of agriculture in different regions of the world, and they will be exposed to the historical and current use of domestic animals and plants through lectures, labs, film, discussions, and field trips. Animal care, wildlife, and environmental topics will also be included, especially as they interface with agriculture. Overall, students will learn about plants and animals, the importance of protecting America's food supply from the effects of insects and diseases, the role of regulation in genetically engineered organisms, and the challenges of managing and resolving wildlife conflicts.





In 2010, AgDiscovery at UM will be part of the Young Scholars Program (go to [www.oes.umd.edu/index.php?slab=young-scholars](http://www.oes.umd.edu/index.php?slab=young-scholars) to learn more). As part of this program, students will participate in organized and supervised activities during evenings and weekends that provide them with experiences in the international, multicultural community at UM and the surrounding area. In addition to learning from UM faculty, students will visit local institutions including the National Zoo, the Baltimore Aquarium, the Smithsonian Natural History Museum, the National Botanical Gardens, the Patuxent Wildlife Center, USDA-Beltsville Agricultural Center, and several other USDA-APHIS facilities. Drs. Ray Stricklin and Leon Slaughter from UM's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources will facilitate the program. Personnel from several APHIS offices—including Biotechnology Regulatory Services, Legislative and Public Affairs, Plant Protection and Quarantine, and Policy and Program Development—will fund and serve as co-instructors in the AgDiscovery program at UM this year.

## About the University of Maryland

UM is a land-grant institution founded in 1856 and located in College Park, MD, just outside Washington, D.C. The 1,250-acre campus is home to just over 25,000 undergraduate students, 32 percent of whom are minorities. As a nationally recognized leader in engineering and computer science with historic strengths in agriculture-related biological sciences, UM provides a high-quality education in numerous fields of study. The university offers bachelor's degrees in 127 fields (including plant sciences, food science, entomology, landscape architecture, pre-veterinary medicine, and wildlife ecology and management) and graduate degrees in 112 specialties.

The university's own mission statement emphasizes its continuing commitment to engaging "in outreach and collaborative partnerships with the greater community by extending the scholarly reach of [its] campus." UM's participation as a host for the summer 2010 AgDiscovery program demonstrates this commitment in action.



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## Investing in the Future of Plant Science

North Carolina State University (NCSU) is hosting AgDiscovery program participants on its campus in Raleigh, NC, this year. The university will make a variety of plant species available to AgDiscovery students. Every participant will work with plants to discover the effects of insects and disease on America's agriculture. Mr. Jason Painter of the Science House—NCSU's statewide kindergarten through grade 12 learning outreach project—will facilitate the program. APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine Eastern Region office will fund the 2010 AgDiscovery program at NCSU.

## About North Carolina State University

NCSU is a land-grant institution founded in 1887 and located in Raleigh, NC. A nationally recognized leader in science and technology with historic strengths in agriculture and engineering, NCSU provides a high-quality education in numerous fields of study, including agricultural and life sciences. NCSU offers bachelor's degrees in 102 fields, master's degrees in 108 fields, and



doctoral degrees in 60 fields (including botany, crop science, entomology, horticulture, and plant pathology).

The Science House is a learning outreach project of NCSU. Its mission is to work in partnership with K–12 teachers to increase the use and impact of hands-on learning technologies in mathematics and science. The Learning House is pleased to facilitate AgDiscovery in 2010.

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### How Much Will It Cost?

Students selected for the 2010 AgDiscovery summer session will pay only the cost of their transportation to get from home to the college campus for the start of the session and back again at the end of the session. The cost of tuition, room and board, and lab supplies for the 2- to 3-week program will be covered by various offices within APHIS.

### How Do I Apply?

For the program at Alcorn State University, students between the ages of 12 and 16 are eligible to apply for admission to AgDiscovery. For all other participating universities, the eligible ages for AgDiscovery program admission are 14 through 17 years old. (*Note: You must be at least the minimum eligible age and no older than the maximum eligible age for your selected program as of May 31, 2010*).

You must submit a complete application package to APHIS that is **postmarked no later than April 10, 2010**. APHIS will not accept application packages that are postmarked after that date and/or are incomplete.



## Here's what to put in your application package:

- **A two-page essay** entitled “Why I Want to Attend the AgDiscovery Program at \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate the participating university you would like to attend) and What I Want to Learn.” In the essay, include information on your interests and hobbies and explain what you want to do when you grow up. Be sure to include your full name, age, home address, home telephone number, and e-mail address.
- **Three character references**—letters from people not related to you who know you well. At least one of the three references must come from a teacher or counselor.
- **A completed application form.** (If you did not receive one with this leaflet, you can print the form from the Web. Go to [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov) and click on the AgDiscovery Program hotlink.)

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